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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: RENEWAL OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: A) BUDAPEST 1306, B) BUDAPEST 1082

1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY, WHICH EXPIRES MAY 30, IS OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT AND SHOULD BE EXTENDED. ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MALEV HAS NOT BEEN SELLING PAN AM SERVICES IN HUNGARY FOR LOCAL CURRENCY, THERE IS LITTLE LEVERAGE ON MALEV SINCE IT DOES NOT OPERATE TO UNITED STATES. DEPT IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT VIRTUALLY WITHOUT CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, CAB HAS NOT YET CONCURRED IN THIS PROPOSAL NOR MADE ITS OWN RECOMMENDATION KNOWN.

2. ASSUMING CAB CONCURS, DEPT WILL REQUEST EMBASSY
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CONVEY NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT:

QUOTE.....REFERS TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MAY 30, 1972 AS AMENDED.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS AGREEMENT

HAS BEEN OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND PROPOSES THAT THE AGREEMENT

AS AMENDED BE EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS,
THROUGH MAY 30, 1980.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
IN BUDAPEST DATED MAY 9 AND 16, 1975, AGREED THAT:

SALES OF AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR HUNGARIAN CURRENCY ON
THE WORLD-WIDE SERVICES OF THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF
THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MADE BY THE AIRLINE OF HUNGARY,
ACTING AS THE GENERAL SALES AGENT FOR THE DESIGNATED
AIRLINE OF THE UNITED STATES.

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE HUNGARIAN
AIRLINE HAS MADE NO SUCH SALES FOR THE US DESIGNATED
AIRLINE DURING THE NEARLY TWO YEARS THE LATTER HAS
OPERATED IN HUNGARY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES
TO REMIND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF THIS OBLIGATION AND TO REQUEST THAT IN THE
FUTURE, THE HUNGARIAN AIRLINE, AS AGREED, ENDEAVOR TO
FACILITATE TRAVEL FOR PERSONS WISHING TO USE THE US
DESIGNATED AIRLINE.

IF THE FOREGOING EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE
TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPOSES
THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS EXTENDING THE AIR
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TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, THROUGH MAY 30, 1980.
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3. IF ASKED, EMBASSY MAY INFORM HUNGARIANS USG EXPECTS
TO HAVE PROPOSAL IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. DEPT WILL ADVISE
EMBASSY WHEN ABOVE NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED.

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